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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

Sir:

This is in response to the Final Office Action mailed May 20, 2005, the two-month period for which runs until July 20, 2005. The Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendments and reconsideration of the application in light of the following remarks.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 18.